

STREET AND TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES

The Street and Traffic Control Program includes \$917.7 million in City, METRO, County, Private, State and Federal funds. It is the largest general improvement capital program comprising 63.2% of the total \$1.45 billion in funds identified for tax supported capital programs.

The FY2004-2008 CIP includes bond funds of \$263.1 million. Additionally, the City is set to receive significant amounts of transportation and mobility assistance from the METRO (\$345 million) and the Texas Department of Transportation-TXDOT (\$240 million current and proposed).

Other funding sources include Community Development Block Grants (\$18 million current and proposed), Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (\$7 million), Harris County (\$14.7 million), Harris County Toll Road Authority (\$1.5 million) and Cotswold Parking Revenues (\$7.7 million).

To assist the City in developing a cohesive citywide transportation plan, a Strategic Transportation Plan was developed in 2000. This planning process involved both policy and technical level participation by the City, Harris County, Metro, TXDOT, and the Greater Houston Partnership. The recognition that the region's transportation system is an interdependent system, relying on cooperation among the State, City, County, and Metro, was a significant accomplishment. Included in the plan is a clearer definition of responsibilities, which should result in improved efficiencies, and better coordination of this complex infrastructure.

The CIP presents street projects by CIP number order, but the projects are classified in five major categories. The major program categories are highlighted below:

Major Thoroughfares / Arterials

Total Funding: \$ 531.1 million

- Projects improve existing four-lane and two-lane streets to major thoroughfare standards.
- Category includes \$148.4 million for reconstruction or rehabilitation of existing thoroughfares.

Neighborhood Street Reconstruction (NSR)

Total Funding: \$113.7 million

- Projects reconstruct or upgrade neighborhood streets to current pavement standards.
- Category is funded with Street & Bridge Public Improvement Bond Funds.

Contract Street Overlay

Total Funding: \$ 77.5 million

- Projects primarily provide asphalt overlay for collectors, thoroughfares and neighborhood streets.
- Funding Increased \$ 46.7 million from last years Adopted CIP to include collector and thoroughfare overlays.

General Mobility (GM)

Total Funding: \$ 177.2 million

- Projects improve infrastructure that immediately impact transportation: hike and bike trails, railroad crossings, major concrete rehabilitation work by City crews, traffic signal system, Safe Sidewalk Program, bridge replacements.

Ancillary Projects (AP)

Total Funding: \$ 18.2 million

- Includes street program support costs: regional maintenance facilities, contingencies, program planning and management.

Metro Funding: The CIP includes Metro funding for all categories except Ancillary and Neighborhood Street Reconstruction. The Metro funding included in the Total Funding by major program categories are highlighted below:

Major Thoroughfares / Arterials: \$213.8 million

- \$ 153.0 million for new major thoroughfares
- \$ 60.8 million for reconstruction or rehabilitation of existing thoroughfares

General Mobility: \$ 71.0 million

- \$ 34.6 million for Hike and Bike Trails
- \$ 23.1 million for Sidewalk improvements

Contract Street Overlay \$ 60.0 million